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English Writing Contest Guidelines

The Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy Hanoi is pleased to announce an English writing contest for all currently enrolled undergraduate and graduate students, living in Northern Vietnam.

This English Writing Contest is just one event hosted by the Public Affairs Section at the American Center in recognition of International Education Week (November 16 – 20). Prizes will be awarded for First Place (\$50), Second Place (\$45), and Third Place (\$40). Winners will receive their award and read their submissions at an awards ceremony to take place at the US Embassy Hanoi on December 11th.

Essay Topic and Deadline:

Word Count

800-1,000 words.

Deadline

The contest begins on 16 November 2009, and all entries must be received by 30 November 2009. Early submissions are welcome, as they will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

Topic:

The renowned Indian Philosopher J. Krishnamurti said: *"There is no end to education. It is not that you read a book, pass an examination, and finish with education. The whole of life, from the moment you are born to the moment you die, is a process of learning."*

It has also been said, *"Not everything that is learned is contained in books."* Compare and contrast knowledge gained from experience with knowledge gained from books. In your opinion, which source is more important? Why?

Terms

- Free submission.
- The decisions of the judges are final.
- All entries must be written and edited by the named participant, without assistance from others.
- The essay must not exceed 1,000 words.
- Points awarded for originality.
- The Public Affairs Section is not responsible for late, lost, misdirected, incomplete, or illegible e-mail or for any computer-related, online, or technical malfunctions that may occur in the submission process.
- Submissions are considered void if illegible, incomplete, damaged, irregular, altered, counterfeit, produced in error, or obtained through fraud, theft or plagiarism.
- Submissions will be considered made by an authorized account holder of the e-mail address submitted at time of entry.

Cover sheet: Provide a cover page with your name and contact information (address in Vietnam, email address, telephone number), your college or university, and your year in school or year that you expect to graduate with your ID number.

Essay Format: Typed in Microsoft Word, Times New Roman, size 12. Do not include your name on the essay pages.

Submit: Please submit your essay using the online form at:

<http://creator.zoho.com/pashanoi/form/8>

Award ceremony will take place at 16:00 on December 11, 2009, at the American Center. Winners will be required to show identification (i.d.) to collect their prize.